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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BG, AF

SUBJ: AFGHAN STATEMENT ON BANGLADESH

1. ON AUGUST 17 SPOKESMAN OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GAVE SHORT STATEMENT TO MEDIA CONCERNING RECENT EVENTS IN BANGLADESH. STATEMENT TERMS "ASSASSINATION OF SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN AND SOME OTHER LEADERS" REGRETTABLE. BEST WISHES FOR PROSPEROUS FUTURE AND FULL SYMPATHY OF AFGHAN GOVERNMENT AND NATION FOR "MOSLEM NATION OF BANGLADESH" WERE ALSO EXTENDED.

2. COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) HAD WATCHED CAREFULLY MUJIB'S SUCCESS IN ASSUMING DICTATORIAL POWERS. TRANSFORMATION OF "PEOPLES REPUBLIC" BY VIOLENT MEANS TO "ISLAMICREPUBLIC" MUST HAVE SENT CHILLS THROUGH GOA, COMING AS IT DID SOON AFTER OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE WITH A CONSERVATIVE RELIGIOUS TENOR IN PANJSHIR AND OTHER AREAS OF AFGHANISTAN. SOVIET AND INDIAN CONCERN WITH EVENTS IN BANGLADESH AS WELL AS EARLY PAKISTANI RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR NEW GOVERNMENT WERE PROBABLY OTHER FACTORS  
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PROMPTING GOA TO MAKE STATEMENT EVEN THOUGH USUAL

POLICY (WITH EXCEPTION OF PAKISTAN) IS TO MAINTAIN  
SILENCE ON DRAMATIC INTERNAL EVENTS OF OTHER  
COUNTRIES IN REGION.

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